taken certain measures for promoting exports of Gems & Jewellery. These include simplification, streamlining and relaxation of procedures under the Gold Control Act, facility for stock and supply of gold for 100 per cent Export production by the MMTC, improvement in Bank credit facility etc.

Exemption of customs duty on cold storage plant imported from Japan

213. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for grant of customs duty exemption to the Cold Storage Plant imported from Japan for the Karnataka Sericulture Project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not giving exemption; and

(c) in case the customs duty exemption is not given, will the Government of India support the Karnataka Sericulture Project appropriately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Reports and Accounts (for the year ended the 31st December, 1987) of the various regional rural banks and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Regional Rural Banks for the year ended the 31st December, 1987, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts:—

(1) Varada Grameena Bank

(2) Ranchi Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(3 Nagaland Rural Bank

(4) Rae Bareli Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(5) Tungabhadra Gramin Bank

(6) Panchmahal Vadodara Gramin Bank

(7) Sri Sathavahana Grameena Bank

(8) Sagar Gramin Bank

(9) Shahdol Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(10) Kshetriya Kishan Gramin Bank

(11) Jaipur Nagaur Aanchalik Gramin Bank

(12) Ballia Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(13) Rayalaseema Grameena Bank

(14) Kamraz Rural Bank

(15) Kapurthala Firozepur Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(16) Pragjyotish Gaonlia Bank

(17) Prathma Bank

(18) Palamau Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(19) Kashi Gramin Bank

(20) Madhubani Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(21) Santhal Parganas Gramin Bank

(22) Rushikulya Gramya Bank

(23) Manipur Rural Bank

(24) Pithoragarh Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(25) Subansiri Gaonlia Bank

(26) Begusarai Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(27) Devi Patan Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(28) Faizabad Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(29) Bardhaman Gramin Bank

(30) Barabanki Gramin Bank

(31) Cuttack Gramya Bank

(32) Puri Gramya Bank

(33) Bhagirath Gramin Bank

(34) Giridih Kshetriya Gramin Bank.

(35) Vidur Gramin Bank

(36) Bastar Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(37) Fatehpur Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(38) Pandyan Grama Bank

(39) Bareilly Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(40) Champaran Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(41) North Malabar Gramin Bank

(42) Durg Rajnandgaon Gramin Bank

(43) Bilaspur Raipur Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(44) Dhenkanal Gramya Bank

(45) Kakathiya Grameena Bank.

(46) Raigarh Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(47) Shri Venkatheswara Grameena Bank

(48) Gaur Gramin Bank

(49) Sharda Gramin Bank

(50) Sultanpur Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(51) Shivalik Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(52) Lakhmi Gaonlia Bank

(53) Allahabad Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(54) Mongyr Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(55) Samyut Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(56) Golconda Grameena Bank

(57) Balasore Gramya Bank

(58) Pratapgarh Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(59) Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank

(60) Sriganganagar Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(61) Sarayu Gramin Bank

(62) Magadh Bramin Bank

(63) Bhagalpur Banka Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(64) Shekhawati Gramin Bank

(65) Mallabhum Gramin Bank

(66) Junagadh Amreli Gramin Bank

(67) Ellaqudi Dehati Bank

(68) Mayurakshi Gramin Bank

(69) Ganga Yamuna Gramin Bank

(70) Mithila Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(71) Cachar Gramin Bank

(72) Bolangir Aanchalik Gramya Bank

(73) Hissar Sirsa Kshetriya Bank

(74) Vindhyavasini Gramin Bank

(75) Samastipur Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(76) Tripura Gramin Bank

(77) Saran Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(78) Bitarani Gramya Bank

(79) Haryana Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(80) Marwar Gramin Bank

(81) Chhatrasal Gramin Bank

(82) Kisan Gramin Bank

(83) Siwan Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(84) Nainital Almora Gramin Bank

(85) South Malabar Gramin Bank

(86) Mandla Bhalaghat Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(87) Buldhana Gramin Bank

(88) Uttar Banga Kshetriya Gramin Bank

(89) Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Hoshangabad. 6544 to 6680 (Placed in Library. See No. LT- /88 for (1) to 89].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(i) S.O. No. 892(E) dated the 27th September, 1988, laying down the rates of exchange for conversion of certain foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for purposes of assessment of imports and exports under section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 and calculation of stamp duty under the Indian Stamp Act, 1899.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 958(E) dated the 28th September, 1988, amending Notification No. 132-Custom dated the 2nd July, 1980 so as to add one more product of Nepalese origin (Lichen Resinoid) to the list of items which qualify for preferential entry into India in terms of the Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade, 1978.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 959(E), dated the 28th September, 1988, amending Notification No. 132-Custom dated the 2nd July, 1980 so as to add three more products of Nepalese origin (Pineapple Pulp, Orange Juice and Orange extracts) to the list of items which qualify for preferential entry into India in terms of the Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade, 1978.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 998(E) dated the 7th October, 1988 laying down the revised rate of exchange for conversion of Russian Rouble into Indian currency or vice-versa, at Rupees 16.8969 for one Rouble, in supersession of Notification G.S.R. No. 691(E), dated the 8th June, 1988.

(v) G.S.R. No. 1029(E) dated the 24th October, 1988, laying down the revised rate of exchange for conversion of Russian Rouble into Indian currency or vice-versa, at rupees 17.5760 for one Rouble, in supersession of Notification G.S.R. No. 998(E) dated the 7th October, 1988. [Placed in Library. See No. LT- 6590/88 for (i) to (v)].

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) and related papers

I. SHRI B. K. GADHVI: Sir, I also beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Notification G.S.R. No. 874(E), dated the 19th August, 1988, exempting from payment of the whole of the Foreign Exchange Conservation (Travel) Tax on any release of foreign exchange for pilgrimage to Hayat Pitafi in Pakistan, under section 105 of the Finance Act, 1987. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6593/88].

II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under subsection (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 866(E), dated the 19th August, 1988, amending Notification Nos. 186|75-Central Excises, dated 21st August, 1975; 272|79-Central Excises, dated the 18th October, 1979; 237/85-Central Excises and 238|85-Central Excises, dated the 15th November, 1985; 5|86-Central Excises dated the 20th January, 1986; and 389|86-Central Excises dated the 26th August, 1986, so as to exempt packaging